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THE "ZERO" LAUNCHES —
Six new series begin this month!

Cover of the Month

ALL OF 'EM!

ZERO MONTH!

The Crisis in Time is over!

In the incredible aftermath of ZERO HOUR: CRISIS IN TIME comes "Zero Month" as every title in the DC Universe for the month — 40 titles over four weeks, from the longest-running DETECTIVE COMICS to six all-new titles — is numbered 0!

In ZERO HOUR: CRISIS IN TIME, everything you knew about the DC Universe changed as time itself was destroyed... and then reborn in a blaze of power! In the course of this reality-changing event, many things have solidified while others have changed in the lives of DC's heroes... and the world they inhabit. The world begins anew and the #0 issues are the place to reveal who's who and what's what within the new status quo. Longtime fans are sure to learn something new about their favorite titles... and new readers can get in on the ground floor as the new DC Universe takes off into the future.

Plus, as part of the "Zero Month" excitement, six great new titles are launched, featuring both new and familiar faces to enhance and expand the DC Universe.

Following "Zero Month," regular issue-numbering for DC Universe comics resumes, picking up where it left off during ZERO HOUR: CRISIS IN TIME.

"ZERO MONTH"—*THE BEGINNING OF TOMORROW.*

ZERO MONTH = SIX NEW TITLES!

In the midst of the reborn DC Universe and exploding from the landmark "ZERO MONTH" are six new titles: STARMAN, MANHUNTER, FATE, PRIMAL FORCE, R.E.B.E.L.S. '94, and XENOBROOD.

STARMAN begins when a villain from the Golden Age exacts a terrible revenge against original Starman Ted Knight by killing the hero's eldest son, David. Now only Ted's younger and rebellious son Jack remains to assume the role of Starman, and the villain's vengeance won't be complete until the entire Knight family is destroyed. STARMAN is written by James Robinson, with art by Tony Harris and Wade von Grawbadger.

MANHUNTER is unleashed when musician Chase Lawler uses occult secrets to open a "Pandora's Box" while recording a savage primal archetype upon the DC Universe. Losing control of the creature, Lawler can limit it at bay only by spawning the role of the thing he's unleashed. Now Lawler is the new Manhunter, preying upon the creature's intended victims, capturing them if he can... killing them if he must. MANHUNTER is written by Steven Grant and features art by Vince Giarrano.

FATE is born when soldier of fortune Jared Stevens comes upon the helmet of Doctor Fate. When a monstrous magical force invades the Earth, Stevens reforges the helmet into a deadly golden blade and goes hunting as Fate for the arcane evil that permeates the DC Universe. FATE is by writer John Francis Moore and artists Anthony Williams and Andrew Lanning.

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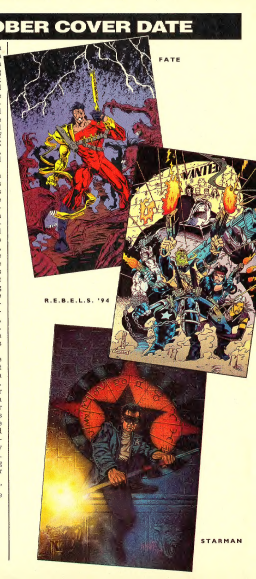
PRIMAL FORCE erupts from the events of ZERO HOUR when the immortal Dr. Mist assembles a unique band of world-spanning adventurers—Tarzan, Jack O'Lantern, the Golem, Claw, and new hero Meridian—to battle the arcane menace known as Cataclysm. Existing to combat an evil that draws its strength from the dark powers of mythology and legend in the hidden corners of the DC Universe, PRIMAL FORCE is written by Steven T. Seagle with art by Ken Hooper and Barbara Kaalberg.

R.E.B.E.L.S. '94 also rises from the fallout of ZERO HOUR. This new ongoing series makes its debut at the most pivotal juncture in the history of the galaxy-spanning L.E.G.I.O.N. Fugitives from the very organization they founded, Vril Dox, Lobo, Stealth, and their teammates are forced to commit a violent crime to survive, and now their former allies are out for blood. With control of the interstellar network in the hands of his fascist son, Dox must fight for freedom — and risk being branded a terrorist! Plus, the true history of the L.E.G.I.O.N. is revisited — and the lies that the organization's new tyrant, Lyrl Dox, have put in its place! R.E.B.E.L.S. '94 is written by Tom Peyer, with art by Arnie Jorgensen and James Pascoe.

XENOBROOD is a 7-issue miniseries starring Earth's newest heroes, springing full grown from the ancient past when Dr. Zachariah Leight discovers four mysterious crystals in a forgotten tomb. From them he frees four elementally powered superbeings — the Xenobrood. But hostile forces are gunning for Leight, and his metahuman discoveries quickly get their baptism of fire as they burst upon the DC Universe. XENOBROOD is written by Doug Moench, with art by Tommy Coker and Keith Aiken.

The new "ZERO MONTH" titles... the reborn DC Universe just got bigger!



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BATMAN #0

Looking back on his life, Bruce Wayne remembers how his parents' violent deaths at the hands of a two-bit gunman drove him to become the Dark Knight of Gotham City, and hints of a never-before revealed dark episode in Batman's early career are exposed, offering new insights into the character of the World's Greatest Detective. Continued in BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #0. Written by Doug Moench and penciled by Mike Manley and inked by Joe Rubinstein. Cover by Manley. $1.50

FLASH #0

Flung headlong through the time-stream by the events of ZERO HOUR, Wally West relives the events that made him the Flash. These memories and horrifying revelations lead directly into "Terminal Velocity," the 6-part storyline that charts Wally's final stage in his evolution as the Scarlet Speedster! Written by Mark Waid; with art and cover by Mike Wieringo and Jose Marzan, Jr. $1.50

HARDWARE #28

Curt Metcalf and Deacon Stuart are just a couple of the V.I.P.'s in attendance at a New York City technological convention, an event that turns into a rendezvous with trouble! Written by Adam Blaustein, with art by Keith Pollard and Aubrey Bradford. Cover by Humberto Ramos and Prentice Rollins. $1.75

JUDGE DREDD #3

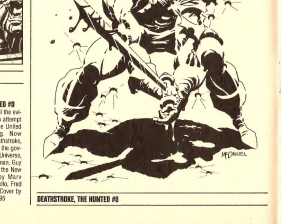
Chief Judge Fargo convenes a Congress of Judges to implement changes in the way justice is dispensed in Mega-City One, while Judge Dredd confronts a group of media terrorists and offers them a whole new meaning to "getting killed in the ratings." Written by Andrew Helfer, with art and cover by Mike Avon Oeming. *(New Format)* $1.95

FLASH #0

BATMAN #0

DEATHSTROKE, THE HUNTED #0

Part 1 of a 6-part story. All the evidence points to Deathstroke as an attempt to assassinate the President of the United States signals a new beginning. Now Deathstroke, the Terminator is Deathstroke, the Hunted — a fugitive from both the government and the heroes of the DC Universe, including in coming issues, Hawkman, Guy Gardner, Deadshot, Bronze Tiger, the New Titans, and others. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Sergio Cariello, Fred Fredricks, and Keith Champagne. Cover by Scott McDaniel. *(New Format)* $1.95



DEATHSTROKE, THE HUNTED #0

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LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #0

Back to the future for the incredible origin of the 30th century's greatest heroes. As the free worlds of the galaxy face their first tentative steps toward unity, multibillionaire R.J. Brande looks for a way to repay the universe for his lifetime of prosperity. When Brande is targeted for assassination, three super-powered teenagers battle to save his life, toppling the wealthy philanthropist to back the creation of a new heroic tradition — one embodied by a Legion of Super-Heroes. Written by Tom McGraw and Mark Waid, with art and cover by Stuart Immonen and Ron Boyd. *(New Format)* $1.95

PRIMAL FORCE #0

In the aftermath of ZERO HOUR comes a new world-spanning band of adventurers: Tornado, Jack O'Lantern, the Golem, Claw, and new hero Meridian. Drawn together by necessity, Primal Force exists to combat an evil that delves its strength from the dark powers of mythology and legend in the hidden corners of the DC Universe. Written by Steven T. Seagle, with art and cover by Ken Hooper and Barbara Kaalberg. *(New Format)* $1.95

HARDWARE #26

PRIMAL FORCE #0

LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #0

THE SPECTRE #0

Secrets of the Spectre's past are revealed in this compelling tale. For a thousand years, only a single soul has successfully eluded the Spectre's fury, ready to die and be reincarnated over and over again. Now the Spectre faces that soul for the final time. But when the dreaded spirit of vengeance begins to pass his terrible judgment, the soul makes the Spectre an offer: he will reveal the Spectre's ancient, hidden origins and show him that Jim Corrigan is not the first to wear the Spectre's shroud! Written by John Ostrander, with art and cover by Tom Mandrake. *(New Format)* $1.95

THE SPECTRE #0

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STAR TREK™ #54
In a story from Jim Kirk's earliest days aboard the *Enterprise*™, the captain must face the parents of one of his oldest friends: Lieutenant Gary Mitchell, whom Kirk was forced to kill in the episode "Where No Man Has Gone Before." Written by Kevin Ryan, with art by Rod Whigham and Arne Starr. Cover by Bill Sienkiewicz. (*New Format*) $1.95

SUPERBOY #9
Revealed at last: the story of Superboy's first three days out of Project Cadmus, as well as his first adventure in battle against the menace of Sideburn (first seen in SUPERBOY #1). Plus, a visit from Professor Hamilton leads to the Kid's acquiring a totally new super-power. Written by Ken Keeler, with art by Tom Grummett and Doug Hazlewood. Cover by Grummett and Kesel. $1.50

SUPERBOY #9

STAR TREK™ #54

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #6
Part 1 of the 4-part "Free Pressure" running through all of Superman's #6 issues. Superman's arrival on Earth is revealed in a story set both in the Smallville of yesterday and in present-day Metropolis. Plus, this story introduces Conduit, a new villain with a mysterious connection to Superman's origins and a lethal vendetta against Clark Kent. Continued in SUPERMAN #6. Written by Louise Simonson, with art and cover by Jon Bogdanove and Dennis Janke. $1.50

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #6

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WONDER WOMAN #0
The hidden history of the Amazons of Themyscira is revealed, while an unsuspecting DC Universe awaits the outcome of a critical contest. At stake: Princess Diana's future as Wonder Woman! Written by William Messner-Loebs, with art by Mike Deodato, Jr. Cover by Brian Bolland. $1.50

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BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #0
Continued from BATMAN #0:
While surveying the aftermath of his decisive showdown with Azrael, Bruce Wayne looks back on his solitary youth. He recalls those years spent honing his body and mind for the day he would take his long-bunked grief and rage to the streets of Gotham City. Plus, more hints of the dark secret in Batman's past are revealed. Continued in DETECTIVE COMICS #0. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Dave Bowers. Painted cover by Brian Stelfreeze. *(New Format)* $1.95

THE DEMON #0
Jason Blood forces Merlin to tell him the truth about his relationship with the Demon and learns how his unwilling merger with Etrigan a thousand years ago transformed him into one of the most cunning and malevolent warlocks in history—with a record of atrocities spanning a millennium. Written by Garth Ennis, with art and cover by John McCrea. *(New Format)* $1.95

GREEN LANTERN #0
Spinning directly out of ZERO HOUR: CRISIS IN TIME #0, it's Green Lantern vs. Green Lantern! Kyle Rayner battles his rogue predecessor Hal Jordan in an emerald holocaust as Rayner and Jordan fight for control of the green power, during which Jordan once again becomes Green Lantern. And a now-powerless Rayner must learn if Jordan again will be the hero he once was. Written by Ron Marz, with art and cover by Darryl Banks and Romeo Tanghal. $1.50

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HAWKMAN #0

Forever reincarnated by the events of ZERO HOUR, the one, true Hawkman begins a quest to learn the secret of his new powers and the unfathomable impact they will have on his life. His first test comes in a grudge match with the Chicago gang lord Blackout. But awaiting the outcome of that encounter is an enigmatic enemy of Hawkmen...and who will play a significant role in the hero's future. Hawkman joins the Justice League in JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #0. Written by William Messner-Loebs, with art by Steve Lieber and Curt Shrautz. Cover by Lee Weeks. *(New Format)* $1.95

HAWKMAN #0

ICON #18

Part 2 of "The Mothership Connection" The 100-year vault is about to end, as Icon gets ready for the unexpected homecoming. Written by Dwayne McDuffie, with art by M.D. Bright and Mike Gustovich. Cover by John Paul Leon. $1.75

JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #0

The old team is shattered. Wonder Woman must forge a new Justice League America and find the new brand that will hold the team together. From the League's new high-tech, extreme headquarters, the call goes out for heroes, bringing back Flash, Fire, Maharanga, and Crimson Fox, as well as new members Hawkman, Obsidian and Vibe. But not all the heroes who arrive are expected...or welcomed! Written by Robert Loren Jones, with art and cover by Chuck Wojtkiewicz and Bob Dvorak. $1.50

ICON #18

JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #0

THE NEW TITANS #0

The Titans are no more. Only Arsenal remains to assemble a powerhouse team of DC's newest warriors. But even the united might of Damage, Impulse, Arsenal, and Terra may not be enough to challenge the terrorist strike force of Zandia's crimelord and the upcoming menaces of the new Brotherhood of Evil, the rebirth of Psimon and a terrifying betrayal. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by J.B. Jones and Hector Collazo and Harry Candelario. Cover by Tom Raney. *(New Format)* $1.95

STAR TREK® ANNUAL #5

Near the end of their first 5-year mission, the crew of the *Enterprise*® is plagued by dreams of its first year together... visions that seem unnervingly real. The only common denominator in the dreams is former *Enterprise* crewmember Janice Rand—who Starfleet reports is missing in action. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Carlos Garzon. Cover by Chris Wozniak. 64 pages. *(New Format)* $3.95

STAR TREK® ANNUAL #5

STAR TREK®: TESTS OF COURAGE TRADE PAPERBACK

Collecting the popular storyline "The Talisian Syndrome," from STAR TREK #55-48, STAR TREK: TESTS OF COURAGE revisits the fate of Hikaru Sulu's departure from the *U.S.S. Enterprise*™ to assume command of the starship *Excalibur*. Set prior to the events in the film *Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country*, Captain Sulu and his former *Enterprise* shipmates become enmeshed in interstellar intrigue when a cache of weapons scheduled for destruction is hijacked, putting worlds on the brink of war. This collection features an introduction by actor George Takei, who portrays Sulu. Written by Howard Weinstein, with art by Rod Whigham, Gordon Purcell, Arne Starr, and Carlos Garzon. Painted cover by Sonia Hillios. 160 pages. *(Trade paperback)* $17.95

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STARMAN #0

Following ZERO HOUR's devastating effects upon the Golden Age Starman comes a new hero to bear this historic name! Ted Knight had passed the hero's mantle on to his oldest son, David. But the vengeance of an old enemy, the Mist, brings David's career to a deadly end. Now only Ted's younger and rebellious son Jack remains, and the last thing he wants is to be Starman. But the Mist's vengeance won't be complete until the entire Knight family is destroyed. No matter what Jack chooses, the life he knew is over. Written by James Robinson, with art by Tony Harris and Wade von Grawbadger. Painted cover by Tony Harris. *(New Format)* $1.95

STARMAN #0

SUPERMAN #0

Part 2 of the 4-part "Year Pressure," continued from SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #0. What began as a high school rivalry years ago in Smallville becomes a deadly conflict in present-day Metropolis when Conduit, the man Villain tells a mysterious connection to Superman's origin, makes a blatant attempt on Clark Kent's life. Continued in ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #0. Written and penciled by Dan Jurgens and inked by Brett Breeding. Cover by Jurgens and Breeding. $1.50

VIPER #3

(of a 4-issue miniseries)

As Honolulu's scheme for terrorist performance art rears hushes, the Viper team must rescue one of its own from his clutches. At the same time, he must stop the madman from blowing up the city's waterfront. Written by Ben Schwartz, with art by Mario Matos and Charles Burnett. Cover by Howard Chaykin. *(New Format)* $1.95

SUPERMAN #0

XOMBI #5

Part 5 of "Silent Cathedrals": Dr. Sugarman summons foulness from the depths of the Earth to contend with David Kim and Catholic Girl, and with the rest of the mystic colors. Written by John Rozum, with art and cover by J.J. Birch. $1.75

XOMBI #5

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ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #6
Part 3 of the 4-part "Fear Pressure," continues from SUPERMAN #5! A glimpse of Clark Kent's "lost years" between his departure from Smallville and his arrival in Metropolis is revealed! as, in the present day, Superman confronts Conduit face to face and learns the villain's unsettling identity... and its connection to Kent's early life! Concludes in ACTION COMICS #9. Written by Kurt Kasel and Tony Kolson, with art and cover by Kilson and Ray McCarthy. $1.50

ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #9

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #9
On an isolated mountain estate, an obsessed publisher gathers a select group of writers for the purpose of penetrating the psyche of the Batman. But as the writers conjecture on who Batman might be and how he operates, exploring many views of the Dark Knight... a sinister hidden agenda emerges! This unusual #9 issue offers short previews of upcoming BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT story arcs by various creators, including writers James Robinson, Alan Grant, and J.M. DeMatteis, artists Mike Zeck, Karl Kesel, and John Watkiss, and many others. (Deluxe Format) $1.95

BLOOD SYNDICATE #10
The Blood Syndicate sits down for an unsettling "family" meal while, unknown to them, Mom is fortifying her S.Y.S.T.E.M. agents for a new onslaught on gang lattes. This issue features the return of old friends... and foes. Written by Ivan Velez, Jr., with art by Christacos and Rober Quijano. Cover by John Paul Leon and Prentik Rollins. $1.75

DETECTIVE COMICS #8
Continued from BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #8. As Bruce Wayne ponders the future, his early days as the Dark Knight come to mind, when he used his vast fortune to amass an arsenal of high-tech hardware to aid him in his war on crime. Plus, more is revealed about a dark episode in Batman's past. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art and cover by Graham Nolan and Scott Hanna. $1.50

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #0

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BLOOD SYNDICATE #19

DETECTIVE COMICS #0

FATE #0

☐ **FATE #0**

From the fallout of ZERO HOUR comes FATE, the story of Jared Stevens, a soldier of fortune who walks a dangerously fine line as a "procurer" of rare items. His latest venture leads him to the helmet of Doctor Fate. Stalked, then aided by Doctor Fate's previous hosts Kent and Inza Nelson, Stevens must find a unique way of utilizing the mystic artifact against a monstrous magical force called the Hoard. Written by John Francis Moore, with art and cover by Anthony Williams and Andrew Lanning. *(New Format)* $1.95

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GUNFIRE #0

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Gunfire's cyberpunk odyssey takes a terrifying turn when Andrew Van Horn learns the shocking truth about his father's legacy. The mandatory return of Van Horn industries is revealed to be little more than an elaborate cover for the older Van Horn's dark quest for immortality. Gunfire unleashes shocking experiments in bio-augmentation, regeneration and cloning...new weapons Gunther planned to use to dominate the world. Written by Len Wein, with art by Ed Benes and Brian Garvey. *(New Format)* $1.75

JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE #0
To meet the challenges of the next century, the Martian Manhunter must rebuild the team he helped create by galvanizing the DC Universe's young heroes of today—including the Ray and Triumph —into the legends of tomorrow! Written by Mark Waid, with art and cover by Sal Velluto and Jeff Albrecht. $1.50

LEGIONNAIRES #0
The fledgling Legion of Super-Heroes gets in very over its head during its first official mission, investigating the assassination attempt of its mentor, R.J. Brande. Even the Legionnaires cannot prevent a second murder attempt—not without the help of some mysterious new recruits. Written by Tom McCraw and Mark Waid, with art by Jeffrey Moy and Ron Boyd. Cover by Moy. $1.50

OUTSIDERS #0
The Trackstar from "Reign of the Superman" takes command and forms a new team of Outsiders when the group faces a foreign government producing weapons with properties that addict the users to violence. But there's something potentially fatal behind it all. The outcome at the confrontation redefines the role of this outcast team and causes them to be relentlessly pursued by... The Outsiders? Written by Mike W. Barr, with art and cover by Paul Pelletier and Robert Campanella. *(New Format)* $1.95

LEGIONNAIRES #0

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R.E.B.E.L.S. '94 #0
R.E.B.E.L.S. rises from the ashes of the L.E.G.I.O.N. in the aftermath of ZERO HOUR! Fugitives from the very organization they founded, Vril Dox, Lobo, Stealth, and company are forced to commit a violent crime to survive. And their former allies are out for blood. Plus, relive the true history of the L.E.G.I.O.N. and the lies that the organization's new tyrant, Lyrr Dox, have put in its place. Written by Tom Peyer, with art and cover by Arnie Jorgensen and James Pascoe. *(New Format)* $1.95

THE RAY #0
The Ray has never known the full truth of his metahuman inheritance... until now! His father, the Golden Age Ray, reveals those startling, long-hidden secrets, and the young Ray may not be able to live with what he learns. Written by Christopher Priest, with art and cover by Howard Porter and Robert Jones. *(New Format)* $1.95

THE RAY #0

SHADOW CABINET #5
Iron Butterfly leads a team to stem the tide of revolution, and possible annexation, in a tiny republic in the South Pacific. Written by Matt S. Wayne with art by Jason Armstrong and Andrew Pepoy. Cover by Andrew Paul Leon and Shawn Martinbrough. $1.25

STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION® #64
Crash-landed on a remote planet, an *Enterprise™* runabout with Lieutenant Commander Geordi La Forge aboard encounters a second runabout, manned by the Commander La Forge of a parallel universe. Meanwhile, on the *Enterprise*, Picard learns that his Romulan "guest" is wanted by the Cardassian Union, the Federation Alliance, and the Romulan Empire! Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Dave Stevens. Cover by Jason Palmer. *(New Format)* $1.95

SHADOW CABINET #5

STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION® #64

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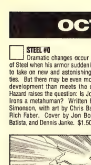
STEEL #0

Dramatic changes occur in the life of Steel when his armor suddenly appears to take on new and astonishing capabilities. But there may be even more to this development than meets the eye when Hazard raises the question: Is John Henry Irons a metahuman? Written by Louise Simonson, with art by Chris Batista and Rich Faber. Cover by Jon Bogdanove, Batista, and Dennis Janke. $1.50



STEEL #0

XENODREAD #0

Out of Zodiac shortcircuit! Earth's newest heroes explode from the distant past when Doctor Zachariah Leight discovers a handful of mysterious crystals in a forgotten tomb. The crystals yield four elementally powered superbeings: the Xenodread! But hostile forces are gunning for Leight, and his metahuman discoveries quickly get their baptisms of fire as they burst upon the modern world. Written by Doug Moench, with art and cover by Tomm Coker and Keith Aiken. $1.50

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ACTION COMICS #0

Part 4 of the 4-part "Peer Pressure," continued from ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #0. Clark Kent's earliest adventures as Superman are revisited, while in present-day Metropolis, Superman goes all out to take down Cardiac. Plus, something really weird is found under the Superman Memorial, the Man of Steel's dead body. Written by David Michelinie, with art by Jackson Guice and Denis Rodier. Cover by Guice. $1.50

ACTION COMICS #0

ANIMA #0

The long-hidden origin of Animus is revealed in this tale of a conflict dating back to the dawn of human history. A nameless evil has awakened to engulf the Earth. The world's only hope rests with a prophecy that was prematurely fulfilled when a still-two-young Courtney Mason was empowered to be the key warrior in the final battle of an ancient war. Written by Elizabeth Hand and Paul Witcover, with art and cover by Steve Crespo and Will Blyberg. *(New Format)*. $1.95

AQUAMAN #0

Aquaman battles against his father and the outcome leads to his discovery of a hidden heritage. When the water subsides, the Sea King's relationship with the surface world and his life as a hero will be forever affected, leading to a new direction and a dramatic new look for one of the core characters of the DC Universe! Written by Peter David, with art and cover by Marty Egeland and Brad Vancata. $1.50

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AHIMA #9

CATWOMAN #0
The law finally catches up to Catwoman. With her criminal career apparently at an end, Catwoman reflects on the forces and events that have shaped her life, leading into a major 4-part storyline that will redefine Selina Kyle's life. Written by Doug Moench, penciled by Jim Balent and inked by Bob Smith. Cover by Balent. $1.50

DAMAGE #0
In the wake of ZERO HOUR, Damage is more determined than ever to learn the secrets of his origins and tries to force the answers from an evasive Ivan Morris, who knows more than he's telling. But the results are disastrous, and the young hero must choose between remaining a fugitive or taking responsibility for his actions. Damage joins the Titans in THE NEW TITANS #5. Written by Tom Joyner, with art by Bill Mantlo and Dan Hilliman. Cover by Mantlo and Tom McWeeney. *(New Format)* $1.95

CATWOMAN #0

AQUAMAN #0

DAMAGE #0

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THE DARKSTARS #0

☐ **THE DARKSTARS #0**
The history of the Darkstars is revealed and Ferrin Cole's troubled past is exposed when he visits his homeworld, there to make peace with the family he left behind and the heritage he turned his back on in order to become a Darkstar. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Mike Collins and Ken Branch. Cover by Mike Deodato, Jr. *(New Format)* $1.95

☐ **GREEN ARROW #0**
Shattered by the events of ZERO HOUR, Green Arrow returns to the mysterious monastery that took him in the first time he was forced to kill someone. There he regains his sense of purpose while honing his skills to a new peak. But when he becomes the target of an assassination attempt, Green Arrow goes on the hunt with a young movie ex-his new partner. This issue contains no interior ads. Written by Kelley Puckett, with art by Jim Aparo and Gerardo Fernandez. Cover by Rick Burchett. *(New Format)* $1.95

GREEN ARROW #0

☐ **GUY GARDNER: WARRIOR #0**
The secrets behind Warrior's new powers are unveiled. Guy Gardner's body has been reengineered to be the ultimate living weapon with a mysterious mission. But will Warrior's new powers cost him his very humanity? Also, the origin of Demerter is revealed—Warrior's ultimate enemy and "ancestor"!! Written by Beau Smith, with art and cover by Mitch Byrd and Dan Davis. $1.50

GUY GARDNER: WARRIOR #0

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KOBALT #5

Page leaps into action in the storyline "Panic On Apex," forcing Kobalt to juggle an inexperienced sidekick and organized crime! Written by John Rozum, with art and cover by Arvell Jones and John Starkiss. $1.75

LOBO #8

A couple of reservoir monks pull a job that goes off screwy and wind up with a price on their heads and Lobo on their tails. But those baddies may be their own worst enemies. While on the run, they compare wild, but true stories about the Main Man's life — tales to make knees rattle, blood curdle, and pangita twitch. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Val Semeiks and John Dell. Cover by Semeiks. *(New Format)* $1.95

LOONEY TUNES #7

On Halloween, Bugs and Daffy go in search of treats but soon find themselves tricked into being the main ingredients in Witch Hazel's special Halloween stew. $1.50

ROBIN #9

KOBALT #5

MANHUNTER #8

Rising from bones awakened by the events of ZERO HOUR comes Manhunter. To save his loved ones from corruption, musician Chase Lawler uses occult secrets to open a "Pandora's Box" of terror, unleashing a savage primal archetype upon the world. The Wild Huntsman is a creature of legend that seeks out and crushes lost souls... and can only be sent back if someone else takes up the eternal hunt. To hold the creature at bay, Chase Lawler must become the new Manhunter, preying upon the Wild Huntsman's intended victims, captaining them if he can, killing them if he must. Written by Steven Grant, with art and cover by Vince Giarrano. *(New Format)* #1.95

ROBIN #9

With Bruce Wayne and Nightwing, Tim Drake delves into the origins of all three of the youths to bear the name and mantle of Robin. In the process, Tim learns the complete story of a mysterious dark episode in the early career of the Dark Knight. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art and cover by Tom Grummett and Ray Kryssing. $1.50

STATIC #18

Static brings Joyride's speeding spree to a screeching halt. Plus, a brutal attack reveals Rick's secret. Written by Robert L. Washington, III, with art by Wilfred and Rober Quijano. Cover by John Paul Leon and John Starkiss. $1.75

LOBO #8

STATIC #18

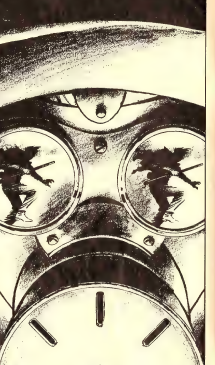
THEATRE IN THE PARK

Central Park is the setting for the first SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE ANNUAL, a collection of nine interwoven short stories staged in Metzbaum's beautiful yet dangerous park, with contributions by some of the medium's finest artists.

A mysterious killer with a disturbing resemblance to the Golden Age Sandman has been preying on Manhattan's partygoers. Wesley Dodds must stalk a shadowy doppelganger across the fields and bridle paths of Central Park before the police apprehend the wrong man—namely himself. Matt Wagner says that he and Steven T. Seagle intend to "show readers that there was still cause to be alarmed in Central Park, even in a time when it wasn't unsafe after dark."

Providing the art for the stories in this 64-page annual are Alex Ross (*Marvels*), John Bolton, George Pratt (ENEMY ACE), David Lloyd (V FOR VENDETTA), Guy Davis, Peter Snejbjerg, Dean Ormston and Stefano Gaudino (providing the bookends), each of whom brings a distinctive touch to the macabre adventures of the Golden Age crimefighter. "We've tried to line up people whose styles lend themselves to the 1930s," says editor Karen Berger, "people who do that period really well. We know the current fans are going to find this collection really appealing because we're discussing a lot of backstory on our established characters — and in the process, many bizarre secrets will be revealed. It's also a great sampler for newcomers."

Gavin Wilson and Richard Bruning provide a brooding photo cover.



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UNDEAD REDUX—THE COLLECTED *JONAH HEX: TWO-GUN MOJO*

There are tales the old men of the Old West don't like to tell after the sun sets, but none stranger than the yarn about Jonah Hex and his blood feud with the Mojo Man of Mud Creek and the zombified remains of the West's greatest gunfighter.

One of the most critically lauded titles so far produced under the VERTIGO brand with a Bram Stoker Award for best horror alternative media and an Eisner Nomination for best miniseries, JONAH HEX: TWO-GUN MOJO is a weird and wooly combination of blazing action, heart-stopping horror and sardonic, dry-as-dust humor. The folks at DC are right proud to collect it in a 160-page trade paperback and hope you'll make Hex happy by checking it out. You don't want to make Hex unhappy.

The story begins when Hex is saved from an untimely death by the aging gunfighter Slow Go Smith. The pair become unlikely allies and ride into Mud Creek, Texas, a corrupt and dismal little dash of dust and fear marked by sinister secrets as deep as the scars on Hex's face. When Slow Go is murdered, Hex is framed for the crime and so begins the hunt for the Mojo Man and his zombie freak show.

JONAH HEX: TWO-GUN MOJO is written by Joe R. Lansdale (*By Bizarre Hands, The Drive-In*, BATMAN: CAPTURED BY THE ENGINES), with art by Timothy Truman (HAWKWORLD, Turok), inker Sam Glanzman and colorist Sam Parsons.

And be sure to keep an eye peeled for the return of the TWO-GUN MOJO team in JONAH HEX: RIDERS OF THE WORST AND SUCH coming in 1995.

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BLACK ORCHID #14
Black Orchid travels to England and is ensnared by a witch-hag named Black Annis, who prevents the Orchid from securing an interdimensional portal that has remained unheeded since the death of its guardian nymph. Written by Dick Foreman. Art and cover by Rebecca Guay and Stan Woch. Painted cover by Dave McKean. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

DEATH TATTOO
The final WHIRLIGIG temporary tattoo features the haunting visage of Death, the Sandman's sister sister, illustrated by Chris Bachalo. $1.95

DEATH TATTOO

JONAH HEX: TWO-GUN MOJO TRADE PAPERBACK
The Old West spawned some strange tales, but none darker than the legend of the gunfighter Jonah Hex and his battle with the Ninja Man of Mud Creek and the zombie of Wild Bill Hickok. This collection of the 5-issue miniseries presents a bizarre twist on an already twisted character by horror novelist John R. Lansdale, with art by Tim Truman and Sam Glanzman. Painted cover by Truman. *(160 Pages. Suggested for mature readers. Trade Paperback.)* $12.95

SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE #18
In part 3 of the 4-part "The Scorpion," after a close encounter with the Scorpion, the Golden Age Sandman begins to put the pieces of the puzzle together and track his adversary's bloody trail. Co-written by Matt Wagner and Steven T. Seagle, with art by Kevy Sinkis. Photo cover by Kevin Wilson and Richard Bruning. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN #62
In part 2 of the 3-part "The Morning of the Masks," Shade's enemies are murdered with fatal plans for his homeworld Meta, while Lenny feverishly attempts to track down Shade and Kathy's newly adopted baby. Written by Peter Milligan with art by Sean Phillips. Painted cover by Sean Phillips. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

JONAH HEX: TWO-GUN MOJO TRADE PAPERBACK

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THE SANDMAN: A GALLERY OF DREAMS

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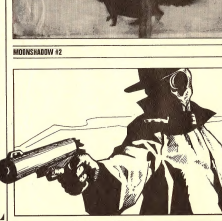
HELLBLAZER #62
Part 5 of the 8-part "Rake at the Gates of Hell": London is in flames and most of Constantine's friends are dead. In the midst of chaos, Constantine must come to terms with an old relationship once and for all... before he goes to meet the Devil face-to-face. Written by Garth Ennis, with art by Steve Dillon. Painted cover by Glenn Fabry. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

MOONSHADOW #2
(of a 12-issue miniseries)
VERTIGO's re-presentation of this classic limited series continues: Tossed out of the Zoo, the only home he has ever known, Moonshadow embarks on a voyage of discovery across the cosmos with Sunflower and the abrasive furball Ira. No sooner does he taste freedom than Moonshadow learns his first lesson about its price. Written by J.M. DeMatteis, with painted art by Jon J Muth. New painted cover by Muth. *(Suggest for mature readers. Unique Format.)* $2.25

SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE ANNUAL #1
Central Park is the idyllic setting for a series of sinister crimes, each involving a mysterious mugger who bears a disturbing resemblance to the Golden Age Sandman. Wesley Dodds must discover the motivation behind these violent attacks before the police close in on him. Written by Matt Wagner and Steven T. Seagle, with art by Alex Ross, John Bolton, George Pratt, David Lloyd, Guy Davis and others. Photo cover by Gavin Wilson and Richard Bruning. *(Suggested for mature readers. 64 pages. New Format.)* $3.95

VAMPS #3
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
The Vamps thunder into Las Vegas — a veritable reservoir for a pack of thirsty vampire bikers — and Howler comes another step closer to confronting the agonies of her past. Written by Elaine Lee, with art by William Simpson. Painted cover by Brian Bolland. *(Suggest for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

MOONSHADOW #2



SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE #19

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ANIMAL MAN #76
While on their exodus from Vermont to the "promised land" of Mombra, the Life-Flower Church encounters a variety of obstacles that cast the pall of doom on their journey, including government infiltrators, angry parents and an unexpected pregnancy. Written by Jamie Delano, with art by Steve Pugh. Painted cover by John Van Fleet. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

THE SANDMAN: A GALLERY OF DREAMS
This companion volume to the DEATH GALLERY features an introduction by Neil Gaiman and ethereal portraits of the Dream King by Matt Wagner, Brian Bolland, Eddie Campbell, Dave Hamilton, Tony Harris, Jamie Hewlett, Malcolm Jones, Alex Ross, Kelley Jones, Mike Wilgeski, Modulus, Jeff Smith, Tom Taggart, Teri S. Wood & Terry Moore, Charles Vess and many others. *(Suggested for mature readers. Unique Format.)* $2.95

THE SANDMAN: A GALLERY OF DREAMS

SWAMP THING #147
As Swamp Thing confronts Big-game hunter Nelson Sterling, Ell Setter Blake prepares to enter a deadly game to determine the fate of the Earth Elemental. Written by Mark Millar, with art by Phil Jimenez and Kim DeMulder. Painted cover by John Workler. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

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THE BOOKS OF MAGIC #5
In Part 1 of the 3-part "Sacrifices," Tim Hunter becomes so enchanted with his neighbor Leah that he fails to realize that she hails from much farther away than California. Meanwhile, the boy mage sees that his neighbor, Martyn, has sinister plans for Tim... and for all those crossed by him. Written by John Ney Rieber, with art by Peter Gross. Painted cover by Charles Vess. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

BIZNAC PATROL #83
Cliff Steele remembers battles and glories with Crazy Jane; The Brandings Twins recall wild parties with JFK. Dorothy recollects romantic love affairs. But did any of them really happen? It's the return of Felix Mennery, confusing everyone in the Doom Patrol except for the head — who's too preoccupied with his new wife Lucinda Wife-Killer for Sound to pay attention. Written by Rachel Pollack, with art by Jamie Tolagson and Matt Haworth. Painted cover by Kyle Baker. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

THE INVISIBLES #2

SWAMP THING #147

THE INVISIBLES #2
Part 1 of the 3-part "Down and Out in Heaven and Hell." The first major storyline begins when the crazed beggar Tom O'Bedlam takes Dane for beneath the streets of London for the next phase in Dane's initiation into the Invisibles. Written by Grant Morrison, with art by Steve Yeowell. Painted cover by Sean Phillips. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

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A host of creators tackles the Golden Age Sandman!

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Feel your mind slip free of the confining bonds of conscious thought and follow a spirit guide into a shadow-filled hall. Study the mysterious images and soon you will see that the walls are hung with visions only glimpsed in the Dreaming. These are the many faces of Morpheus.

Neil Gaiman provides the introduction to THE SANDMAN: A GALLERY OF DREAMS, a companion volume to THE DEATH GALLERY. Featuring a wraparound cover by Dave McKean, THE SANDMAN: A GALLERY OF DREAMS showcases all-new portraits of Death's younger brother by some of the most exciting talent to grace the medium, including Brian Bolland, Eddie Campbell, Craig Hamilton, Tony Harris, Jamie Hewlett, Kelley Jones, Malcolm Jones III, Bill Koeb, Mike Mignola, Moebius, Jon J Muth, Alex Ross, Alison Seiffer, Jeff Smith, Greg Spalenka, Barron Storey, Tom Taggart, Teri S. Wood & Terry Moore, Charles Vess, Matt Wagner, Michael Zulli, and many others.

Gaze upon the many portraits of the Sandman and wonder which, if any, is his true face.